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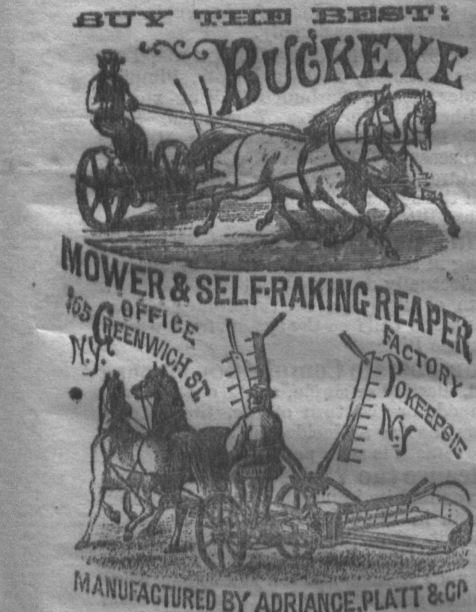
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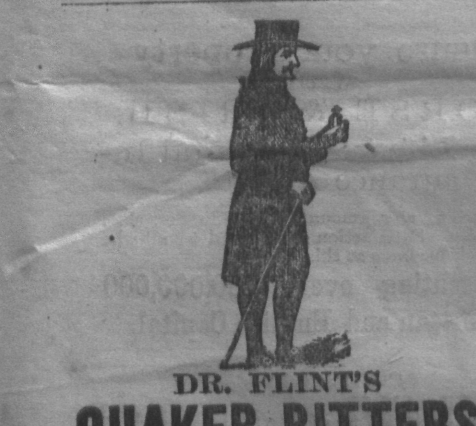
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TWO NEPHEWS.

At the parlor window of a pretty vil-
lage, near Walton-on-Thames, sat one
evening at dusk an old man and a young
woman. The age of the man might have
been seventy, whilst his companion had
certainly not reached nineteen. Her
beautiful, blooming face, and active,
light and upright figure, were in strong
contrast with the worn countenance and
tired frame of the old man; but in his
eyes, and in the corners of his mouth,
were indications of a gay self-confidence
which age and suffering had damped, but
not extinguished.

"No use looking any more, Mary,"
said he; "neither John Meador Peter
Finch will be here before dark. Very
hard that, when a sick uncle asks his
two nephews to come and see him, they
can't come at once. The duty is simple
in the extreme—only to help me to die,
and take what I choose to leave them in
my will. Poor! when I was a young
man, I'd have done it for my uncle with
the utmost celerity. But the world's
getting quite heartless."

"O sir," said Mary.
"And what does 'O sir' mean?" said
he. "D'ye think I shan't die? I know
better. A little, and there'll be an end
of Billy Collett. He'll have left this
dirty world for a cleaner—to the great
sorrow (and advantage) of his affection-
ate relatives! Ugh! Give me a glass of
the doctor's stuff!"

The girl poured out some medicine
into a glass, and Collett, after having
contemplated it a moment with infinite
disgust, managed to get it down.

"I tell you, Miss Mary Jayne," said
he, "I don't by any means approve of
your 'O sir' and 'Dear sir,' and the rest
of it. I've told you how I hate to be
called 'sir' at all. Why, you couldn't
be more respectful if you were a charity
girl and I a beggar in a gold-lace hat.
None of your nonsense, Mary Jayne, if
you please. I've been your lawful guar-
dian for six months, and you ought to
know my likings and dislikes!"

"My poor father often told me how
you disliked ceremony," said Mary.
"Your father told you quite right,"
said Mr. Collett. "Fred Jayne was a
man of talent—a capital fellow. His
only fault was a natural inability to keep
a fardling in his pocket. Poor Fred! he
loved me—I'm sure he did. He be-
queathed me his only child, and it isn't
every friend would do that."

"Well, I don't know; I've tried not
to be a brute, but I dare say I have
been. Don't I speak roughly to you
sometimes? Haven't I given you good,
prudent, worldly advice about John
Meador, and made myself quite disagree-
able, and like a guardian? Come, con-
fess you love this penniless nephew of
mine."

"Peniless, indeed!" said Mary.
"Ah, there it is!" said Mr. Collett.
"And what business has a poor artist to
fall in love with my ward? And what
business has my ward to fall in love with
a poor artist? But that's Fred Jayne's
daughter all over. Haven't I two
nephews? Why couldn't you fall in love
with the discreet one—the thriving one?
Peter Finch—considering he's an at-
torney—is a worthy young man. He is
industrious in the extreme, and attends
to other people's business only when he's
paid for it. He despises sentiment, and
always looks to the main chance. But
John Meador, my dear Mary, may spoil
canvas forever, and not grow rich. He's
all art and truth and social reform and
spiritual elevation, and the Lord knows
what. Peter Finch will ride in his car-
riage, and splash poor John Meador as
he trudges on foot."

The harangue was here interrupted by
a ring at the gate, and Mr. Peter Finch
was announced. He had scarcely taken
his seat when another pull at the bell
was heard, and Mr. John Meador was
announced.

Mr. Collett eyed his two nephews with
a queer sort of smile, whilst they made
speeches expressive of sorrow at the ma-
ture of their visit. At last, stopping
them, "Enough, boys, enough," said he.
"Let us find some better subject to dis-
cuss than the state of an old man's
health. I want to know a little more
about you both. I haven't seen much of
you up to the present time, and for any-
thing I know, you may be rogues or
fools."

John Meador seemed rather to wince
under this address; but Peter Finch sat
calm and confident.

"To put a case now," said Mr. Collett.
"This morning a poor wretch of a gar-
dener came begging here. Well, I knew
something about the fellow, and I be-
lieve he only told the truth; so I gave
him a shilling to get rid of him. Now
I'm afraid I did wrong. What claim had
he on me? What claim had he on
anybody? The value of his labor in the
market is all that a working-man has
a right to; and when his labor is of no
value, why, then he must go to the
devil, or wherever else he can. Eh, Pe-
ter? That's my philosophy—what do you
think?"

"I quite agree with you, sir," said Mr.
Finch, "perfectly agree with you, sir.
The value of their labor in the market is
all that laborers can pretend to—all that
they should have. Nothing else, most
perniciously to the absurd extraneous
support called charity."

"Hear that!" said Mr. Collett. "You're
a clever fellow, Peter. Go on, my dear
boy, go on!"

"What results from charitable aid?"
continued Peter. "The value of labor is
kept at an unnatural level. State chari-
ty is State robbery; private charity is
public wrong."

"I don't like it; I don't believe it,"
said John. "You were quite right to
give the man a shilling. I'd have given
him a shilling myself."

"O, you would, would you?" said Mr.
Collett. "You're very generous with your
shillings. Would you fly in the face of
all orthodox political economy, you Van-
dal?"

"Yes," said John, "as the Vandals flew
in the face of Rome and destroyed what
had become a falsehood and a nuisance."

"Poor John!" said Mr. Collett. "We
shall never make anything of him, Peter.
Really, we'd better talk of something
else. John, tell us about the last novel."

"They conversed on various topics, until
the arrival of the invalid's early bed-time
parted uncle and nephews for the night.
Mary Jayne seized an opportunity, the
next morning, after breakfast, to speak
with John Meador alone.

"John," said she, "do think more of
your own interest—of our interest.
What occasion for you to be so violent
last night, and contradict Mr. Collett so
shockingly? I saw Peter Finch laughing
to himself. I saw he was not more care-
ful, or we shall never be married."

"Well, Mary, dear, I'll do my best,"
said John. "I was that confounded Peter,
with his chain of iron maxims, that made
me fly out. I'm not an 'ice-berg' Mary,"
said he. "Thank Heaven, you're not," said
Mary; "but an ice-berg floats—think of
that, John. Remember, every time you
offend Mr. Collett, you please Mr. John
Finch."

"So I do," said John. "Yes, I'll re-
member that."

"If you would only try to be a little
mean and hard-hearted," said Mary; "just
a little to begin with. You would only
stoop to conquer."

"May I gain my desires, then?" said
John.

"Are you not to be my loving wife,
Mary? And are you not to sit at needle-
work in my studio whilst I paint my
historical picture? How can this come
to pass if Mr. Collett will do nothing for
us?"

"Ah! how, indeed?" said Mary. "But
here's our friend Peter Finch coming
through the gate from his walk. I leave
you together." And so saying, she with-
drew.

"What, Meador?" said Peter Finch, as
he entered, "skulking indoors on a fine
morning like this? I've been all through
the village. Not an ugly place but wants
looking after sadly. Roads shamefully
muddy. Pigs allowed to walk on the
footpaths."

"Dreadful!" exclaimed John.
"I say, you came out pretty strong
last night," said Peter. "Quite defied the
old man, didn't you?"

"I have no doubt you did," thought
John.

"O, when I was a youth, I was a little
that way myself," said Peter. "But the
world—the world, my dear sir—soon
cures us of all romantic notions. I re-
gret, of course, to see poor people miser-
able; but what's the use of regretting?
It's no part of the business of the su-
perior classes to interfere with the laws of
supply and demand; poor people must
be miserable. What can't be cured must
be endured."

"That is to say," said John, "what we
can't cure they must endure."

"Exactly so," said Peter.

Mr. Collett this day was too ill to
leave his bed. About noon he requested
to see his nephews in his bedroom. They
found him propped up by pillows, look-
ing very weak, but in good spirits.

"Well, boys," said he, "here I am, you
see; brought to anchor at last. The
doctor will be here soon, I suppose, to
shake his head and write recipes. I'm
hungry, my boys. Patients can do as much
for themselves; they are all in the
together; the only difference is, that the
patients grope in English, and the doctors
grope in Latin."

"You are too skeptical, sir," said John
Meador.

"Polite," said Mr. Collett. "Let us
change the subject. I want your advice,
Peter and John, on a matter that con-
cerns your interests. I am going to make
my will to-day, and I don't know how
to act about your cousin, Emma Briggs.
Emma disgraced us by marrying an oil
man."

"An oil man!" exclaimed John.
"A vulgar, slovenly oil man!" said
Mr. Collett; "a wretch who not only
sold oil, but soap, turpentine, black-lead
and birch-brooms. It was a dreadful
blow to the family. Her poor grand-
mother never forgot it. Well, Briggs
and his widow had written to me asking for
assistance. Now, I have thought of
leaving her a hundred a year in my will.
What do you think of it? What right
has she to marry against the advice of
her friends? What have I to do with
her misfortunes?"

"My mind is quite made up,"

HOME AND COUNTY.

A Union Temperance Meeting

Was held in the Presbyterian church on last Sunday evening, at which an address was delivered by Hon. H. W. Loomis, followed by a few remarks by Rev. Mr. Hutchins of the Baptist church. Mr. Loomis, whose family reside in this village, but who does business in Buffalo, said he had boasted of living in one of the most moral and temperate towns in the state, but showed that there was need of the work already inaugurated here. He gave an interesting account of the Union Temperance Prayer-meeting in Buffalo—its history and its work, and endeavored to impress upon his hearers that it did not pay to abandon effort in this direction because of the temporal losses sometimes occasioned thereby. Licenses were not needed here, they were not in reality for the accommodation of the traveling public, but to enable the dealer to furnish alcoholic drink to his neighbors. The address was listened to with close attention throughout. The remarks of Mr. Hutchins were interesting and pointed chiefly to the degradation of manhood by intemperance, and the fallacy of the plea for freedom urged by those who indulge in intoxicating drinks. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. that the next announcement was made would probably be held on "Alliance evening, May 13.

The Excise Law.

The following important act has passed both Houses of the Legislature: AN ACT to create a Board of Excise in the several towns of this State.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. At the annual town meetings in the several towns in this state, held next after the passage of this act, there shall be elected, in the same manner as other town officers are elected, three Commissioners of Excise, who, while acting as such commissioners, shall not hold either of the offices of Supervisor, Justice of the Peace or Town Clerk, the office of President or Trustee of any incorporated village, and who shall compose the Board of Excise of the respective towns, and discharge the duties imposed upon the Supervisor and Justices of the Peace of towns, and the President and Trustees in incorporated villages thereof, by chap. one hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy, and laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of three dollars per day while in session as a Board of Excise, which shall be a town charge; except in the counties where the moneys received by said board are paid into the county treasury as hereinafter provided, when it shall be a county charge. The Commissioners first elected under this act shall be classified by lot, under the superintendence of the Supervisor, the Justice of the Peace having the shortest term to serve, and the Town Clerk or a majority of such officers who shall meet at the office of the Town Clerk of their respective towns for such purpose, within ten days after such town meeting, and the persons drawing for one, two and three years shall serve for such terms respectively; and annually thereafter one Commissioner of Excise shall be elected to serve for a term of three years. Vacancies occurring in said boards, from any cause, shall be filled by appointment by the Supervisor and Justices of the Peace of said town, or a majority of them, until the next annual town meeting when such vacancy shall be filled by election.

2. The said commissioners shall be voted for upon a separate ballot, which shall be deposited in a separate box, marked "Excise," and before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file the same with the town clerk, and shall execute a bond to the supervisor thereof, to be approved by him in double the amount of the excise money of the preceding year, conditioned for paying over to him or his immediate successors in office, within thirty days after the receipt thereof, all moneys received by them as excise commissioners. Said money shall be disposed of as directed by the town board, except in those counties where the support of the poor is a county charge, where such excise money shall be paid into the county treasury, subject to the control of the board of supervisors.

3. Nothing in this act shall affect the provisions of any special act in so far as the same provides for any special disposition of excise money or fines.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

DECORATION DAY.—All interested in the observance of Decoration Day, are invited to meet at the drug store of E. L. Huntington, on Saturday evening at seven o'clock. We hope the day will be observed in our village in a manner befitting the occasion.

Rev. Mr. F. D. Huntington, Bishop of this Diocese, will make his annual visitation to Grace Church Parish, on the evening of May 14th, Ascension Day. The Rite of Confirmation will be administered. Services commence at half past seven.

"Fellow travelers," said a colored preacher; "of I had bin eatin' dried apples for a week an' den took to drinkin' fir a month, I couldn't feel more swelled up dan I do dis minute wid pride an' vanity at seein' such full 'eccendence bar.' This must be somewhat the way B. S. Stone & Co. feel when the crowds come in to admire, look over, select and buy from their large and varied stock of general Hardware, Stores, &c. Their stock is full in all departments. Selected with great care, bought low for Cash, and will be sold at the lowest living margin. Call and look through their Extensive Stock. Even if you don't want to buy, it won't cost anything to look, and they will be glad to see you.

Attention, Ladies!

Mrs. George H. Wilson is in town with the largest and finest assortment of trimmed bonnets and hats ever offered in Mexico—also those that are untrimmed. Ladies, please call and examine them before purchasing elsewhere. I remain this week only.

Real Estate Sales.

Delos Filkins to Nancy L. Reynolds, 10 acres in Richland, \$500. April, 1874. James Roberts to Margaret Pitcher, about 30 acres in New Haven, \$800. April, 1874. Jabin Wood to Mary E. Wood, part of lot 116 in Richland, \$1. November, 1872. Mary E. Wood to Charles W. Nichols, part of lot 116 in Richland, \$600. April, 1874. Lewis L. Wilder to Julia A. Perry, parts of lots 145 and 135 in Richland, \$595. February, 1873. Caroline E. Sharp to Elisha A. Hibbard, part of lots 158 and 11 in Richland, July, 1873. William H. Belchamber to Ellen King, part of lots 120 and 130 in New Haven, \$1,450. February, 1874. Morgan S. Rich to Rose B. Sage, 4 acres of land in Albion, \$1,200. April, 1870. Ceryl Snow to Cordelia E. Coe, 25 88-100 acres in Volney, \$760. April, 1874. Ceryl Snow to Benton Holbrook, 20 acres in Volney, \$240. April, 1874. Swift H. Crippin to Jacob Malherweim, 81 30-100 acres in Hastings, \$711.37. April, 1874. Elra L. Crippin to Jacob Malherweim, 81 37-100 acres in Hastings, \$711.37. April, 1874. John C. Crippin et al. to Jacob Malherweim, 81 37-100 acres in Hastings, \$711.37. April, 1874. Ralph C. Malherweim to Milo A. Mack, 10 acres in New Haven, \$550. March, 1874. John C. Crippin to Milo A. Mack, 10 acres in New Haven, \$550. March, 1874. Benjamin E. Bowen to Seabury A. Tuller, part of lot 63 in Mexico, \$200. May, 1853. Benjamin E. Bowen to Seabury A. Tuller, part of lot 63 in Mexico, \$100. May, 1852. Calvin Goodwin to Seabury A. Tuller, part of lot 63 in Mexico, \$10. May, 1852. Seabury A. Tuller to Benjamin E. Bowen, part of lot 63 in Mexico, \$2,500. April, 1874. Benjamin T. Armstrong to Deborah Halladay, part of lot 68 in New Haven, \$875. April, 1874. Solomon Mathews to William Warren, 23 rods in Mexico, \$23. May, 1859. John Simpson to Malvina C. Barker, 42 rods in Hastings, \$225. Sept., 1873. Jay Brewer to Joseph Tison, et al., 57 acres in Parish, \$4,000. April, 1874. Timothy W. Skinner to Ceryl Snow, undivided half of seven acres in Mexico, \$150. April, 1874. Timothy W. Skinner to Maria A. Snow, et al., part of lot 64 in Mexico, \$1,100. April, 1874.

The Connecticut Mutual Life.

The twenty-eighth annual statement of the Connecticut Mutual Life insurance company of Hartford, shows that the gross assets have now reached the sum of \$37,680,324.07, and the surplus \$4,063,405.29. The increase of assets during 1873 were \$2,744,082.94, and during the year there were paid out for claims by death and matured endowments \$2,379,066.17, and \$3,907,009.40, of surplus were returned to policyholders. The marked progress of the company, the vast sum dispensed among its beneficiaries, and the suit given out daily by it to meet the demands of the future, testify more than words can do to the splendid management of the affairs of the Connecticut Mutual Life in the past and in the present. That the disbursements, enormous as they are, have been controlled by integrity and economy, the small ratio of expense of management to receipts, \$7.62, is conclusive evidence. We certainly know of no stronger illustration of the advantages of mutuality in life insurance than can be afforded by such figures as these. The assets of the company also furnish proof of the caution and wisdom exercised in the investment of the funds entrusted to the care of the officers by the policyholders. The loans upon real estate are \$26,178,005.33, the real estate owned by the company is worth \$1,847,227.38. There are held in United States registered bonds \$1,630,837.80, in state bonds \$613,100, and in city bonds, \$1,761,695. The cost of the bank and railroad stock owned by the company was \$106,205, and there lies in bank at interest, \$1,294,201.34. Here are solid assets that are always available in ready money if necessary, and unite to make the company one of the most stable in the world. Another evidence of its greatness and of the confidence of the community in its stability, is the number of its members. There were 63,550 policies in force on the 31st of December last, and they insured \$181,802,730. It is unnecessary to cumber this record of millions with further comment. They suggest the most flattering tribute to the institution of life insurance under competent management.

D. C. Morse, of this village, is the agent of the above company.

Egleston's new book, the "Circuit Rider," at Virgil's. n26-2.

Attention!

Have you read House & Cobb's advertisement of Crocker? Why go to Syracuse or Oswego, ye people of Parish, Hastings, and Palermo, when you can get warranted goods of us at as low or lower prices, and no chance of cheap goods or seconds.

Calico for the Million.

One-half Ton Pound Prints for sale by Stone, Robinson & Co., of Mexico. Come and get your share while they are going. 26-4.

One dollar will buy more Wall Paper at Virgil's than at any other store in town. 26-3.

Rev. Mr. Hutchins of the Baptist church, with some members of the choir and others, held religious services in the Poor House and Asylum last Sunday. Mr. Hutchins gave an interesting talk, and there was prayer and singing in each place. The inmates of the Poor House listened with close attention and appeared deeply interested, while many of the insane seemed to understand and appreciate what they heard. Others manifested their feelings as would be expected of the crazed, but, controlled by the keeper, made no disturbance. It is hoped these efforts in behalf of the unfortunate ones in these places will do much good.

PARISH.

The Baptist sociable, held at the Colosse church, on the 28th ult., was very enjoyable. Maple sugar was the principal ingredient to tickle the palate, but love, joy and good will were there to tickle the soul. The Colosse Cornet Band was present to tickle the ear with sweet music. At the close of the sociable, Deacon Hartson presented, in behalf of those present, a roll of bills of over \$40 to Rev. E. D. Phillips, who, in a very brief and feeling manner, thanked the donors.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously: Resolved, That we, the church and society of Colosse, tender to the Rev. E. D. Phillips our most hearty thanks for his labors of love in our midst, in bringing souls to Christ and in building up His church here.

Resolved, That as he is about to leave us and return to his home in Nebraska, we feel to say the Lord go with him, and may he have many souls as seals of his ministry; may his health and the health of his family be preserved and kept from harm—and we trust that in the providence of God, he may return to us again. Elder Phillips returns to Nebraska from necessity on account of business matters. The people of Colosse regret to have him leave, but they expect to have another pastor soon.

Yesterday Elder Phillips baptized seven members into the fellowship of the church, at the Colosse church.

Today (Monday) he starts for Nebraska.

Next Sunday, May 10th, at 2 o'clock P. M., a Union Sunday School will be formed at the Town Hall in this place. It was a mistake in stating in the last week's Independent that the Civil Damage Case in this place will not be appealed. It is already appealed. It is appealed for the purpose of getting a new trial. This is a case in which honest temperance men differ. Temperance people want to know when liquor sellers are prosecuted whether it is done for a redress of grievances, or for a conspiracy to make money. If for the latter purpose the civil damage act should not aid them.

Parish, May 4, 1874. ODD.

HASTINGS.

FRIEND HUMPHRIES.—Correspondents ordinarily spend themselves over much surface. Some might denominate it "spread-eagle style." I wish to deal in facts; not a rehash of old and exploded theories, and by no means entirely in "new revelations." I do not wish to use the brush of romance with which to give the correspondence a tinge, that it may be appreciated.

A few items of which I desire to speak doubtless have been of much interest to portions of our country where scarcity exists. By no means do I wish to have any learned correspondent (from Parish or elsewhere) comment on this epistle, and claim that this is a land which "flows with milk and honey," and further take the position that a community is not entitled to but little consideration where potatoes are raised so abundantly.

The item to which I will call your attention is, that since the first day of September, 1873, there have been shipped from the Hastings depot, on the Syracuse Northern Railroad, 1,500 tons of potatoes. Large quantities have also been sold within the time designated by the railroad to Syracuse.

We cannot boast of blocks of "buildings springing up like the "gopher's gourd" of old, but we can speak of some products of the soil, brought forth by industry, which animate and make joyful the hearts of the husbandman and the laborer as they lay in store the profits of their hard earning.

I shall speak hereafter, doubtless, of other items, showing the resources of the country which surrounds our fast declining village, as they would have it. Hastings, April 30, 1874. S.

Cartier's celebrated Patent Extension Table Slides always in stock and for sale, at manufacturers' prices, in Mexico, at the Bottom Price Hardware Store of B. S. STONE & CO. 27-6w

Mrs. Temple

Has not sold out, as some have supposed, but has returned from New York with a fine variety of Spring Goods, which were bought at low figures. She cannot show you a large line of ribbons, as ribbons are not being used for trimming, and she did not buy any. But in trimming silks, straw goods and flowers, she will not be undersold by any traveling milliner, or any one in the county. Call and examine her stock before purchasing. n26

THE ALPINE—For May is as fresh and beautiful as the month it represents; filled to the brim with choice flowers of art and literature. John S. Davis opens the number with a full-page picture, "The Dying Hound," which is one of his best efforts. J. D. Woodward contributes three large and artistically drawn pictures of scenes in Florida, one of the most beautiful and picturesque states in the Union. The first of the series is a deliciously cool view of the famous Silver Spring, which boils up from the earth; the second is a handsome full-page illustration of the mouth of the St. John's River, showing the ruins of the old light-house, a grove of palm trees, etc.; the third is a wild and dreamy view of a Florida hammock, one of those strange, emerald islands in the midst of a desert of sands. Two other handsome and interesting pictures are "A Retriever" and "The Bashful Lover," by J. M. Burfield. John Hows has a full-page picture, striking for its boldness, called the "Hemlocks of Osego," showing a group of those great trees upon the shores of that famous lake. The New Capital at Hartford, Conn., is a finely executed drawing of the large and ornate building now in process of erection at Hartford, at the cost of several millions of dollars. The literary contents of this number are of greater variety than usual.

Attention Again.

House & Cobb warrant all sets of Crocker sold by them, and will redeem every piece that is crazed.

Best assortment of Wall Paper in Mexico, at Virgil's. 26-3.

Black currant leaf tea is recommended for dyspepsia.

The Temperance Movement in Gloversville.

GLOVERSVILLE, April 27, 1874. FRIEND HUMPHRIES:—It is seldom that anything occurs among us that I think of sufficient interest to communicate. I notice in the Independent, however, from week to week, that the good people of Mexico are bestirring themselves in the cause of temperance, and think, perhaps, you may therefore be interested in knowing how the same good cause progresses among us.

We have been earnestly laboring, for several years past, to stop both the sale and use of intoxicating beverages. And our experience has been such that we have learned both how to do it, and how not to do it.

First, we learned how not to do it. One year ago a new charter was submitted for adoption to our town, and in said charter was the clause of local prohibition. Preceding the election some effort was made to arouse the people, but so sure of victory were the friends of temperance that many did not even take the trouble to go to the polls and vote. Of course they were defeated, and ought to have been. I do not think the Lord cares to bless lazy temperance people any more than any other sort of lazy people.

Let me tell you now the way we did it. Last year's defeat opened every body's eyes to the fact that the only way to get victory is to deserve victory. Accordingly several weeks before the election plans for earnest action were formed. The election was to take place on Tuesday. So on the Friday evening preceding we held a rousing union meeting. On Sabbath evening all the ministers preached temperance sermons. On Monday evening a citizens' meeting was appointed. The ministers had had their say and now expected to keep silent. The object of the meeting was to call out our leading business men, and get them to define their position, marshal themselves in solid ranks, shoulder to shoulder, and express their determination not only to vote no license, but also to stand by the officers of the town in the enforcement of that vote. Our business men promptly responded to the call made on them, with an enthusiasm and zeal that promised victory.

When the election came off on Tuesday the promise of the previous evening was more than fulfilled. The thing we aimed at was not a simple victory but a rout. And such a routing as the enemies feared! I had hoped for a majority of two hundred. I thought this would be doing well considering the fact that the town had gone for license one year ago. Most thought me too sanguine, however. It did not seem to them that we could change that number of votes in a single year. When the polls were closed, however, and the vote counted, the result of the day's labors was perfectly surprising, even to the most sanguine. The majority proved to be within a few votes of six hundred.

Of course such a victory could not pass without a suitable notice. So a justification meeting was held that same evening in one of our largest churches. There was a perfect crowd in attendance, and congratulations were given, and speeches were made in which one could hardly tell whether earnestness or joy predominated. The strongest possible pledges were given to stand by the officers in the faithful discharge of their duty, and the good old doxology.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," to the tune of Old Hundred. Didn't we sing it though! The surprise was that the roof of that church stood it, and I don't think it would if it had not been one of the strongest kind.

The next day all the hotels and saloons were visited officially, and the question asked them they proposed to do about it. Only one hotel keeper stood out, and he declared that he would fight the matter to the "last ditch." But when he found that nobody was afraid, and that pluck was not all on one side, and that both men and means were at hand to push him into the "last ditch," he concluded that discretion was the better part of valor, and promised to close up his bar at once.

It is the front, good friends of the temperance cause, that the rum sellers dread. Not a single harsh word is used in all the campaign, so far as I could learn, but the temperance people mean business. It is the bayonet charge, steady, resolute and unflinching, that is sure to decide the fortunes of the day.

So much then was done, and so much was well. But we wanted something still better. We had shut up the public bars, why not keep on in the good work, and shut up the mouth of the moderate drinker by the total abstinence pledge? Why not put at both ends of the line? Why not put the temperance cause on so firm a foundation that it could not be moved from its sure base for a generation at least?

There was a work for the women. The news that was borne to us from the west had led our good ladies to inquire, what can we do? So a large meeting was held which resulted in the forming of The Gloversville Ladies' Temperance League. The whole town was districted off, and committees of our best and worthiest women entered the field. Part of our town has already been thoroughly canvassed with the most gratifying results; and in part of it the work is still in progress.

There is yet one thing more that can be done, viz: the forming of Church and Sabbath School Temperance Societies. Some of the churches have already started in this matter, and doubtless the others will follow. After all the encouraging success already achieved, we ought not to feel satisfied till every member of the Church, and every member of the Sabbath School, are also members of a temperance society and pledged to total abstinence.

So you see, friend Humphries, that we have made a clean sweep in our temperance work, and it is in the hope that our success may encourage others to go and do likewise that I have sent you this, I fear, too lengthy account, telling you both how we did not do it and how we did do it. Very truly yours, A. S. W.

The undersigned offers for sale at Toronto Mills, seed wheat, seed oats and seed peas (no bugs). A. C. THOMAS. 26

Be wise. Go to the Book store to get your Wall Paper and Stationery of the latest styles. 26-2w

Francis Villard has some fine Seed Onions (English multipliers) for sale.

Remonstrances.

Mr. CONKLIN:—I am requested by the Ladies' Temperance Union to present to you, as President of our village, the "Appeal" they intended to bring before the Board of Excise.

GENTLEMEN:—The evil of Intemperance that overshadows state, county, city, village, and even remote neighborhoods on our continent, has become like the Angel of Death in our households.

It is an unwarrantable tax upon our property. 2. A tax on the life of our republic paid in a death-race whose statistics would seem incredible if not familiar.

3. The peril is as great to virtue, as to the life here and hereafter; for drink is a vice that leads to every other vice.

Even all this is not too great a work to be grappled with, if you, Gentlemen, will aid us by doing your duty faithfully as Christian gentlemen, worthy of the important office the people have given you.

This is the extraordinary reason that brings us before you, for its most crushing oppression and its heaviest burdens fall upon us, and our sisters.

And now, we, as friends, have called to express our honest convictions concerning the obligation you are under to use all your official powers and personal influence to save this community from the curse of drunkenness, as we feel sure that you are invested with a more fearful responsibility than any other persons, as the destiny of souls is in your hands, nothing less than closing or opening the flood-gates of drunkenness, crime and death. And this seems your prerogative: To authorize certain individuals to deal out vice and death in the form of intoxicating drinks. To this we protest.

We understand the law in this matter; you are not compelled to grant a license to sell alcohol as a beverage; hence, if you do it, it will be your free and voluntary act with all its responsibilities resting upon you. Again, a woman's whole nature ought to revolt against its sale or use as a beverage; therefore, we, as women, protest especially against your granting license to any woman in our vicinity to sell liquor and sell her soul to so great an evil. And, finally, as the law demands that you shall grant licenses to *any* persons of "good moral character," we do not see how you can possibly grant *any* license to sell alcohol as a beverage, without yourselves violating said law, believing as we do that no person of good moral character will ever apply to you for such a license.

We, the women of Mexico, not less than 500, will most hopefully pray that your decision will be such as will reflect honor upon yourselves, your town and country evermore.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LADIES' TEMPERANCE UNION.

PENALTY FOR LICENSES SALOON-KEEPERS.—Judge Balcom, of Binghamton, recently charged the Grand Jury at Oswego that "Excise Boards are liable to indictment for giving license to any persons but hotel-keepers."

GRANTING LICENSES ENTIRELY OPTIONAL.—It has been definitely and repeatedly decided by the Supreme Court that no Excise Board is compelled to give licenses. (1 Hill, 655, 7 Abbott 34, E. D. Smith, 142.) Section 7, enacted by chap. 549, of 1873, provides that any conviction for violation of any of these provisions shall annul such license. The board of excise may, on complaint of any citizen shall, summon any person suspected of violating these provisions, and on conviction shall annul his license.

Section 27. Provides that when a license is revoked, the licensee shall be incapable of receiving license for three years from such revocation.

Village Assessors' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessors of the village of Mexico have completed their assessment roll, and that a copy thereof is left at the office of A. F. Kellogg, where the same may be seen and examined by any person until the 20th day of May inst; and on that day the Assessors will meet at said office to review their assessment.

L. F. ALFRED, S. NEWELL, Assessors.

Dated May 7, 1874.

Farmers will be interested in leasing that A. C. Thomas has seven run of stone in the Toronto Mills. Advertisements next week.

Universalist Entertainment.

An entertainment, consisting of tableaux, dramas, and singing, will be given on Wednesday evening, May 20, at the Universalist church. There will also be a pine apple and ice cream festival in the basement. Admittance at the door, 15 cts. Children 5 cts.

Attention Once More.

All manner of Glassware, Porcelain and Stone Crockery, at House & Cobb's. They are making a specialty of Crockery this year. 25

J. R. Norton has returned from New York with a large and splendid stock of Spring and Summer Goods.

Bird cages at Virgil's. 26-2

We recommend all in need of work in the dentistry line, and especially our friend Muzzy, of the Pulaski Democrat, to visit Dobson & Winchester, of this village. He should do so before taking that editorial trip to Alabama, as thereby his good looks and articulation would be greatly improved. We speak from experience, as we have been there and grown—well; nearer handsome, and we can talk now.

It is a real comfort to use Rogers' Self-Sharpening Hoe, when compared with the common hoe. They are made right, and sold cheap at the Low Price Hardware Store of B. S. STONE & CO. n27-3w

HAY FOR SALE.—Inquire of G. E. Howard, of this village, or at his farm in New Haven.

We call attention to Bewa & Walton's new advertisement in another column. Persons wanting anything in their line of business will do well to give them a call.

Mrs. George H. Wilson has a notice in another column that is of interest to ladies.

CORRECTION.—Morse & Irish are not agents for the Connecticut Mutual Life insurance company, as stated in this paper last week, but only D. C. Morse.

Going to Alabama.

The New York Editorial Association having accepted an invitation of the Alabama Editorial Association to participate with the latter in a convention to be held at Birmingham, in that state, the party will rendezvous at Salannan and start from there May 12th. Proposing to join the company, we expect to leave Mexico next Monday, to be gone about two weeks. On our return we shall stop in Washington. Considering the unsettled condition of finances, this may be a happy event for the country, as we have long looked in vain for some great measure relating thereto; and therefore, under the inspiration of our surroundings in the national capital, we shall do our best to enlighten and comfort the world by a scheme which shall be the condensation of wisdom and statesmanship. We shall doubtless distinguish ourselves, even if we don't grow rich, and we advise all our readers to peruse the papers carefully about that time, especially the Mexico Independent.

P. S. Don't forget to hand in your dues before Saturday night, as we are "hard up," and can't go without money.

Northern New York Conference.

The Methodist Conference of Northern New York, held at Carthage, was in session seven days, and closed on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The place of the next annual session of the conference was fixed at Mexico, Oswego Co. The following are the appointments for the Oswego District.

Benjamin F. Barker, P. E. Oswego, First Church, Elijah Hor, Jr.; East Church, Albert L. Small; Mission to be supplied; Oswego Centre, William F. Purington; Hannibal, Charles E. Beebe; Hannibal Centre, George H. Van Vleet; Granby Centre, T. L. Allen; Fulton, Albert L. York; Volney, supplied by F. Pierce; Scriba, J. S. George; New Haven, Ephraim C. Brown; Mexico, John T. Hewitt; South Richland, Squire Boyd; Pulaski, William L. Tisdale; West Sandy Creek, Isaac Jenkins; Sandy Creek, Lemuel Clark; Orwell, Le Roy Grant; Sand Bank, Webster Ingemoll; Parish, Elijah H. Munger; Vermilion, Samuel M. Crofoot; Gilbert's Mills, supplied by Charles H. Harris; Central Square, William F. Brown; Constantia, Isaac Turney.

Benajah E. Whipple, Principal of the Sandy Creek High School, and member of the Sandy Creek Quarterly Conference.

In the Rome District, Thomas E. White goes to Williamstown; Florence and Redfield are to be supplied by G. W. Hughes; and Amboy, E. J. Clemens.

The return of Rev. J. T. Hewitt gives great satisfaction, as does also the re-appointment of Rev. B. F. Barker as Presiding Elder.

The many friends of Rev. W. R. Cobb will be glad to learn that he has been appointed Presiding Elder for the Utica District.

If you want some nice-looking, cheap and durable boots for spring and summer wear, call at S. L. Alexander's store and examine his fine stock.

CARPETS! CARPETS!

at MILTON S. PRICES. I am opening every day new patterns English Body Brussels, English Tapestry Carpets, English Persian Carpets, Three Ply Carpets, &c.

AT RUINOUSLY LOW PRICES. MILTON S. PRICE, 38 and 40 South Salina St., Syracuse.

Francis Codett, of Gayville, while at work at the cooper shop, on Monday, heard some one crying, apparently in distress. Leaving his work, he found that his daughter, 12 years old, had fallen from the bridge over Gayville pond and was struggling in the water. He plunged in, and in the attempt to rescue her, was himself drowned, both perishing together. Mr. Codett leaves a wife and seven children.—Cor. Osego Palladium.

The Misses Mochlinn.

Begin leave to inform the ladies of Mexico and vicinity that they have just purchased a fine lot of millinery and fancy goods, which they offer for sale at their shop in Mexico, opposite the Empire House. They have also employed Mrs. Carpenter, an experienced milliner, to assist them in their business. No pains will be spared to please in work, price and quality of goods, all who may favor them with their patronage. Straw work made a specialty.

H. & C. MOREHOUSE. Mexico, April 30, 1874.

Wagon and Blacksmith Shop for Sale.

The shop lately occupied by B. F. Armstrong, in New Haven village, is now offered for sale on easy terms. It is an excellent location, with a good trade built up.

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